Today's Speaker: Pastor Kris Young February 3, 2013

Series: Once Upon a Marriage Message #2 of 4: Power Struggle

1 Kings 21:25 NLT – No one else so completely sold himself to what was evil in the Lord's sight as Ahab did under the influence of his wife Jezebel.

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Two	Quick	Thoughts:	

- Ahab represents the _____husband.
- Jezebel represents the wife.

The Passive Husband:

1 Kings 21:2-4 – 2 Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth." 3 But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers." 4 So Ahab went home, sullen & angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." He lay on his bed sulking & refused to eat.

The Controlling Wife:

1 Kings 21:5-7 – 5 His wife Jezebel came in & asked him, "Why are you so sullen? Why won't you eat?" 6 He answered her, "Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, 'Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard." 7 Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up & eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

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ONCE UPON A MARRIAGE POWER STRUGGLE - WEEK 2

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Talking through the message throughout & during the week with your Hope Team, family or friends, will help you turn what God is saying to you into action steps as you move forward. Begin with the key questions & scriptures & feel free to add any additional scriptures or questions that you may come up with or think about during your conversation. Be sure to wrap up in prayer & decide on Next Steps.

With your Bible or YouVersion, read 1 Kings 21:1-29

This passage tells the story of how Jezebel & her husband Ahab had Naboth killed so they could take his vineyard. The type of unhealthy marriage that Ahab & Jezebel had in this passage serves as an example of a husband who is passive & a wife that is controlling.

- ⇒ What types of attitudes or circumstances can cause us to become passive not just in our relationships with others, but in our relationship with God as well? How have you seen passivity weaken a relationship? What types of experiences have you had with passivity?
- ⇒ Ahab's & Jezebel's character flaws were a reflection of their own insecurities. How have you seen your own insecurities negatively affect your relationships?
- ⇒ Jezebel controlled Ahab by belittling him with her words. What kinds of words would help you feel more able to maintain a healthy relationship? How can you strive to speak positively in your own relationships?
- ⇒ What types of controlling behaviors have you seen damage your relationships or the relationships or others? If this is something you struggle with, what might be the source of your controlling tendencies?
- ⇒ How can we be effective leaders in our lives & in our relationships without being overbearing or controlling?
- ⇒ Describe a time when God held you accountable for a sin that you committed. What did you learn from this situation?
- ⇒ What changes do you need to make that will allow you to step into the role that God created you to fill as a man or a woman?

Next Steps

Spend time reading 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 each day & then read it aloud. As you recite these verses about what God's kind of love is like, insert your name into this passage. If you are married, recite this passage with your spouse & discuss the traits of love you do well and those you need to work on.

Take time to do a self assessment of your behavior to determine if you are either too passive or too controlling in your relationships. Spend time in prayer asking God to help you change your heart & improve these behaviors. If you are married, discuss with your spouse how you both can work together to break this cycle.

Prayer Tips for the Week

- Have an honest conversation with God about passivity in your life.
 Ask Him to help remove your passivity.
- Pray and ask God to help you stop speaking any harmful or negative words in your relationships.
- Thank God for the relationships He has given you. Ask Him to help you make each of them the best they can be.
- Ask God to remove any controlling behavior that you may be exhibiting in your life. Allow God to be the one in control.
- Pray for your spouse. If you aren't married, pray for your future spouse or seek direction from God about His plans for your future.

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep Talking About It online.

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Top 3 Ministry Needs

Don't miss the joy & fellowship of serving in ministry at Hope Springs Church. Mark your Connection Card or email Jody@myhopesprings.com for more details about these important ministry needs.

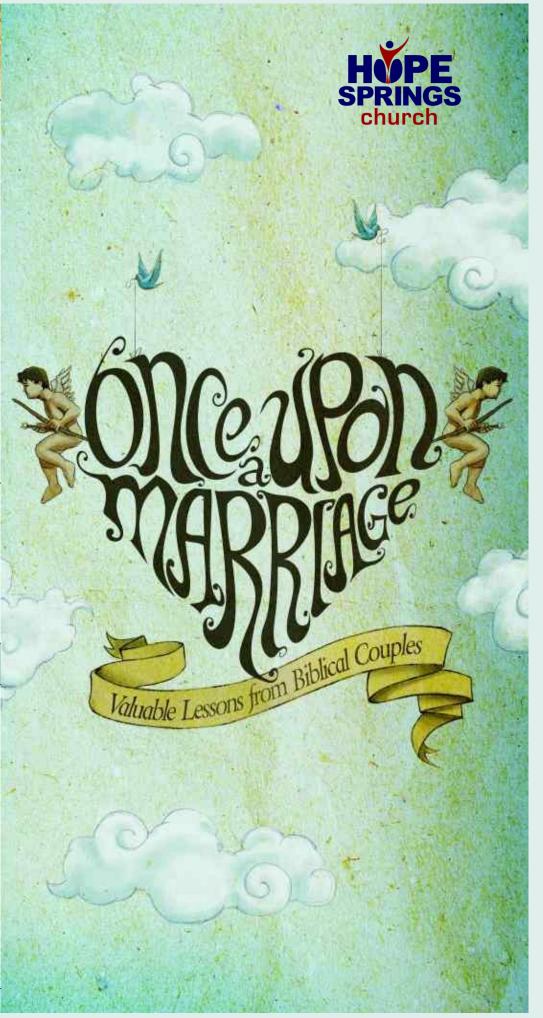
- ⇒ First Impressions: Serve on the Parking Lot Team, greeting or other pre-service planning.
- ⇒ Young Believers: Minister to our youngest believers on a permanent or rotating basis. Ages: 0-5th Grade.
- ⇒ Worship Team: Auditions are beginning in February, please mark your Connection Card or get with Pastor Frank or Kris with questions.

Pastoral Staff & Leadership Team

Kris Young - Lead Pastor
Jada Young - First Impressions
Jenna Barnett - Children's Pastor
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Our Mission: We exist to shamelessly glorify God by making disciples through Spirit-Filled worship, Spirit-Filled community & Spirit-Filled expansion.







Salvation • Holy Spirit Baptism • Divine Healing • Second Coming

Discovering together the WHY behind the WHAT.

WHY do we believe WHAT we believe?



Please keep Pastor Kris in your prayers as he travels to India for two weeks to check on the progress of the DAYA Home Missions Project & teaches in the Bible College there. If you'd like to partner with him in this endeavor in prayer, giving or going, please mark your Connection Card for more information. He travels from February 15-March 2.



Young Believers Leadership Meeting

Friday, February 15 @ 6:30 p.m. We are asking EVERYONE who currently serves or desires to serve in our Young Believers Ministries (Children's Church, Jr. Kid's Church or Nursery) to attend this very important meeting. We will discuss the plan for our multiple services beginning in March as well as discuss many other administrative and vision planning thoughts and ideas. Please see Pastor Jenna with questions.

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Welcome to: HÖPESPRINGSchurch

There is NOTHING quite like a juicy love story... the romance, the intrigue, & maybe a little scandal. During the month of February 2013, we are digging in to some of the most intriguing & complicated biblical marriages to see what we can learn. Travel back in time with us for Once Upon a Marriage.

We're so glad you're here! When you come to church & spend time in worship, you're taking time to stay connected with God & with those people that make up the church. John 15:5 says, "I am the vine: you are the branches. Those who remain in me... will produce much fruit."

When you are connected to God, you are connected to your life source & everything you need is found in Him — joy, strength, peace, endurance, & hope. As you draw close to Him today, you can be confident that His abundant love will speak to you.

Here are a few suggestions to make your worship experience a great one:

- ♦ We honor ALL of our guests & ask them to please be sure to fill out a Connection Card, found inside this Worship Guide. You can place it in the offering baskets on the stage on your way out & we'll send you a special gift this week.
- ◆ Parents, we encourage you to take advantage of our wonderful Young Believers Ministry downstairs. All children 5th grade & under are welcome. For security purposes, please be sure to sign your child in & out.
- ◆ Please remember to silence all cell phones during service.
- ◆ We truly pray you experience God in a fresh & impactful way today & you will allow the Holy Spirit to minister to you. If you need prayer for a specific need, please find your way to the front of the stage & a prayer partner will meet you there.
- ♦ There is additional parking across the street if needed.

Cheering You On,

Pastor Kris & Jada Young

1 CHURCH
2 EXPERIENCES
New Service Times Begin:
March 3, 2013
8:30a.m. & 10:30a.m.